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# In need of a new benchmark

## PUBLIC SPACES

### More seating means people spend more time, money

#### HALIFAX MATTERS

Tristan Cleveland



There are some lonely benches in Halifax. Many I have never seen anyone use.

At the entrance of the Macdonald Bridge, a bench points directly at traffic rather than at the ocean. One of Spring Garden's only benches, on Queen, is perhaps the area's least welcoming place. On the Long Lake trail, benches point at large, unsightly gravel patches, instead of at the lake or the park's thousand other good views.

We could try a little harder. It can cost \$2,000 to install a metal bench, or many times more. While any place to sit helps the elderly or anyone who needs a break, using them should, at the very least, not feel terrible.

At its best, public seating is part of how great streets make themselves the answer to the question, "Where should we go?" Without a decent place to stop, sit, and enjoy life, people may come to a street to buy shoes, but



A couple enjoy the sunset along the Dartmouth Waterfront last summer. The city needs to rethink its approach to providing places for the public to take a seat. JEFF HARPER/METRO

they won't stick around. That matters because it's people that make a street feel alive and interesting, and the more time they spend, the more money they're likely to spend, too.

Bars and cafés fill the gap to some extent, but forcing everyone to pay for the pleasure of sitting down is not how to make them feel welcome.

Waterfront Development is leading the way on how to do public seating. The summer before last, they put out over 100 colourful chairs on the Waterfront. Within an hour, almost every chair was full. TJ Maguire, an urban designer with Waterfront Development, tells me, "People start sitting in the chairs as we're still putting them out." Movable chairs are the

best kind of public seating because people can position them for their own purposes: to talk to friends, to look at the water, to get in or out of the sun, etc. They're at higher risk of being stolen, but not as much as you might think if there are enough people around. Not a single one has gone missing so far.

Waterfront also put out five orange hammocks last

summer. It showed that when public furniture is fun, it becomes insanely popular. So far, I haven't found a free one to try.

Lastly, Waterfront Development likes to install walls and planters to be around 18 inches high, the comfortable height for sitting, which means tons of extra seating that comes for free with stuff that needs to be built

100

Number of colourful chairs put out on the waterfront two summers ago.

anyways. There are so many places we could apply this lesson. Imagine if the highway guardrail around Citadel Hill was instead a short wall you could sit on. I picture friends chatting as the sun sets, a totally different place.

Where benches are still the right tool for the job, there's one central principle for their design. They should be located for human comfort and conversation, not to make a project look pretty.

Benches should be pointed at where the action is, where people are, and directed at a good view. They should be positioned near other benches at an angle, so friends can sit and talk, while also allowing strangers to sit without staring at each other.

They should be on our shopping streets themselves, because people attract people, which will require a wider sidewalk, but that's a good idea anyway.

Last, and most important, our city should find out which benches people are actually using. Public seating is key to our success, so if no one is using what we're putting out, it means we need to get better at it.

## COUNCIL

# Youth hope to tackle city decisions 'made about our future'



Julianne Steeves  
For Metro | Halifax

After Halifax's Youth Advisory Committee failed in 2013, some youth organizations are convincing Halifax regional council to give it another go.

Lilian Barraclough, a 19-year-old first year student at the University of King's College, along with some other King's and Halifax West High School students, presented a proposal to make sure that this new Youth Advisory Council is created by youth for youth.

"I think part of our role, as well being involved in this process, is ensuring that it actually happens and that it doesn't fall through the cracks," she said Monday.

Barraclough said that young people often don't feel welcome in municipal processes.

"Youth are not really educated about the process and don't necessarily know how to go about doing that, and you're meeting with six councillors who are 30 or 40 years older than you in the council chambers," said Barraclough.

In February, she presented

an environmental report card to City Hall. One thing she rated was formal youth involvement in decision making: something that's lacking in Halifax.

She is working with iMatter, an international youth climate action organization that gives support and resources to youth work within their municipalities. Barraclough started the Halifax chapter this year.

Riel Bjerke-Clarke, another member of iMatter Halifax, feels the Youth Advisory Council will get youth involved in making decisions that will affect Halifax in 20 years.

"It could just get youth in-



Lilian Barraclough and Riel Bjerke-Clarke  
PATRICK FULGENCIO/FOR METRO

involved from a younger age, which would be really helpful to have a more sustained youth

voice in the municipal government about decisions that are being made about our future,"

said Riel Bjerke-Clarke.

Charlotte Kiddell, chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students Nova Scotia, said that a Youth Advisory Council could be an exciting way for students in Halifax to influence municipal issues that have a big impact on their lives.

She says that students are keen to engage in municipal issues that affect them, "from affordable housing to food security to fair wages," Kiddell said.

But recommendations about these topics "without a youth voice around the table may not be championed at the municipal level," she added.



# Parents upset over sports cut

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

**Told phys-ed teachers will not coach or organize teams**



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax parent says he's worried students are being used as "pawns" in the conflict between teachers and the province after hearing spring sports could be cancelled at some junior high schools.

Craig Bethune is part of a concerned group of parents from Halifax Central and St. Agnes junior highs who said it was "quite disheartening" to hear their administrators say that physical education teachers won't organize spring teams and events — meaning sports like badminton, softball, and track and field are up in the air.

"There are some kids that can afford to play on club teams ... but there are some kids that can't afford to, and school sports at a junior high level basically is free," Bethune said Monday.

"Unfortunately, that's gone apparently."

Bethune, who preferred not to specify which junior high his daughter attends, said he was told the public phys-ed teachers in the Citadel Zone — a Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) region — agreed as a group to withdraw because team responsibilities fall outside their contract, and wanted to show unhappiness around the Liberals legislating a new contract ending work-to-rule in late February.

One solution could be having parents volunteer to organ-



**Craig Bethune is concerned about the future of school sports in Halifax.** PATRICK FULGENCIO/FOR METRO

**“There hasn't been any widespread position by our school at all yet, except to say that we want to be in step with a larger picture.”**  
Principal Brad McGowan, St. Agnes Junior High

ize and coach, since Bethune said he knows many who'd be willing to "step up." He added that while he understands the collective agreement argument, the issue is between the

province and the union.

"Why at this point are they making a stand by penalizing the kids outside the classroom? That's what I don't understand," Bethune said.

However, it's unclear just how many schools might be affected. Besides parents from Central and St. Agnes being directly told sports might be cancelled, there are about 10 other schools with junior high students in the Citadel Zone who compete amongst one another.

Doug Hadley, spokesperson with the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB), said they don't keep track of which schools compete in which

sports since it always changes. The NSSAF also couldn't comment on whether some schools had dropped out of specific sports this spring, as they simply organize the athletic structure and schools participate when they have a team.

But the situation isn't set in stone just yet, the principal for St. Agnes said Monday.

"These are complicated things to kind of navigate. We haven't made any definitive

## + STEPPING UP

**Who can organize school sports?**

■ According to Doug Hadley, spokesperson with the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB), it's always preferred to have a teacher or staff member run an extracurricular group, but a citizen can take over if they meet specific guidelines and the school's administration approves. ■ Those criteria include: a criminal record and child abuse registry check, being at least 21, providing two references, and having previous experience working with youth.

decision, we're having conversations, and a lot of it will be predicated on decisions that other schools make," principal Brad McGowan said, adding he couldn't comment on which specific schools are dealing with the same issue.

When asked when he was told about the teachers' decision, McGowan said this is a "sport by sport situation" and there are many extracurriculars running inside the school, but when it comes to events outside the school "you're only one piece of a larger story, and you know sports are the kind of thing that you can only play if there's someone to play."

Another concern is whether this move could stretch into next fall, Bethune said, since he was told his principal wasn't sure whether this could be the "new normal."

"That's really, really disheartening, and I don't like to see our kids being used as a pawn," Bethune said.

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# Halifax, who are you rooting for?

Five Canadian teams in the NHL playoffs will have local sports bars cashing in during the 2016-17 post-season. Metro asked online Monday which Canadian NHL team you would be rooting for once the puck drops in this year's Stanley Cup playoffs?



From left: The Montreal Canadiens' Max Pacioretty, The Calgary Flames' Matthew Tkachuk, the Toronto Maple Leafs' James Van Riemsdyk, the Edmonton Oilers' Connor McDavid, and the Ottawa Senators' Chris Wideman. **Forty per cent of people who voted in Metro's poll said they would be supporting the Canadiens during the post-season.** PHOTOS: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE AND THE CANADIAN PRESS

**40%** **5%** **28%** **11%** **6%**



**Ben Macintosh**  
For Metro | Halifax

Last season was a bad one for Canadian NHL teams.

But this year Halifax residents have five teams from across the country to sup-

**10%**

Ten per cent of people who voted in Metro's poll with the response none of the above.

port on their quest to be the first Canadian team to win the Stanley Cup since 1993. Dan Fougere, general manager of Bubba Ray's Sports Bar Too, said his bar is getting ready for playoff fever.

"We are playing every play-off game," said Fougere in an interview on Monday.

"We're pretty stocked up for Wednesday. We have cable boxes for all the TVs. We'll be playing the Canadiens' game over the speakers too," Fougere said. Montreal and Toronto get the most support in Halifax.

Fans of the western teams are affected by the time dif-

ference, Fougere believes, but have their loyal followers.

"Calgary and Edmonton have the fans who like to stay up late to catch the games," said Fougere.

John Moore, president and owner of sportsandmoore.com, thinks the Senators hold their own here as well.

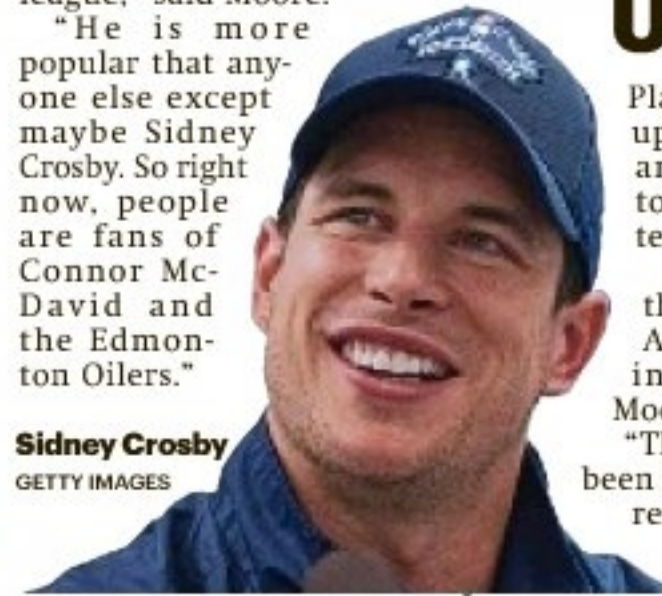
"Because of the broadcast schedule, we are exposed to more Ottawa Senators," said Moore in an interview. "So, more people are familiar with them."

Moore said the popularity of Connor McDavid with the Oilers is gaining Edmonton some Halifax fans, as well.

"Connor McDavid has skyrocketed to the top of the league," said Moore.

"He is more popular that anyone else except maybe Sidney Crosby. So right now, people are fans of Connor McDavid and the Edmonton Oilers."

**Sidney Crosby**  
GETTY IMAGES



## Some fans pulling for U.S.-based teams

Players who grew up in the Halifax area attract fans to cheer on those teams.

Boston is one of the more popular American teams in Halifax, said Moore.

"There has always been legions of Montreal, Toronto and Bruins fans in Halifax," said

Moore. "With the Bruins and the local connection to Brad Marchand and the year he's been having, fans either hate him or they absolutely love him."

The Pittsburgh Penguins have strong support here too, said Moore.

"It's different for Pittsburgh fans because of Sidney Crosby," said Moore.

"With his reputation, Crosby attracts a lot of fans especially from the Halifax area."

### CAPE BRETON

## Property owned by Survivor winner Richard Hatch sold at tax sale

Another one of a former "Survivor" winner's Cape Breton properties has gone down the hatch.

Dale Young of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality tax department confirmed there was a successful bidder on a property owned by Richard Hatch up for tax sale Thursday.

"Yes it was sold," she said, noting that she could not confirm the amount it sold for because the paperwork was not

yet finalized.

The property was a small piece of land on MacDonald Crescent in Sydney Mines with \$3,644.17 owing in taxes.

It was one of 17 pieces of property, including some in Donkin, Sydney, Glace Bay and New Waterford, that Hatch purchased at a CBRM tax sale in 2002.

Young said they can't reveal how many of those properties are still owned by Hatch, a na-

tive of Newport, Rhode Island, due to the privacy act.

Hatch was the \$1-million winner of the first Survivor reality TV show in 2000.

Hatch's Cape Breton properties have slowly been surfacing in tax sale, including land on York Street in Sydney in January 2013 with \$2,722.45 in taxes owing. The Cape Breton post visited MacDonald Crescent in Sydney Mines on Friday and found Sur-

vivor fans.

"My whole family are fans and we've been watching it together as long as I can remember," said Kyla Banks, 25, whose parents live next door to Hatch's former piece of property. "I live on Main Street and go over to their house every Wednesday to watch it with them. We don't ever miss it."

Banks said they had lived on MacDonald Crescent for 18 years and nothing was ever done with

that piece of land.

"There was someone who came around years ago asking about it interested in putting a duplex on it."

She said her parents later became interested in the property and her father researched and at that time discovered it was owned by Hatch.

"Yes, that made for interesting conversation," she added, laughing. TC MEDIA



**Richard Hatch**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



# Feeling bitter about litter

## CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

**Calls for less mess and more messaging on going green**



**Grace Gormley**  
For Metro | Halifax

Toni Stewart walked along the road across from Halifax West High School on Monday, as she did the day before, pointing at spots where massive heaps of garbage had accumulated.

"It gets worse," she added. Stewart, originally from Vancouver, was out for a walk Sunday near her new apartment when she noticed "bit after bit" of trash strewn in the ditches. She thought about getting a garbage bag and picking some up along her way. As she rounded the corner, she realized she would need at least 20 bags.

Stewart said she was "dismayed" and could even see the litter from her apartment window, not something she was used to in Vancouver.



**"If someone picks it up for them, it would be like their mom cleaning their room."**

Toni Stewart

Toni Stewart is concerned about garbage near Halifax West High School. PATRICK FULGENCIO/FOR METRO

"Look at this. It's disgusting," she said, looking at mounds of coffee cups and bags.

Because of the location and the amount of fast food, Stewart thinks students from the high school may be respon-

sible. And not just one or two, she said.

"It's a lot of people not getting the message."

Stewart contacted the school board and the Halifax West principal with no response.

She thinks there are things the school could be doing to teach students about going green.

Signs with messages saying 'No dumping' would be a good start, Stewart thinks.

"That's what they do in

B.C., and I think it helps 'guilt' people to see that it's not wanted."

Another valuable lesson would be making groups of students take garbage bags outside and clean up the mess, Stewart said.

"If someone picks it up for them, it would be like their mom cleaning their room."

Halifax Regional School Board spokesperson Doug Hadley said with a student body of 1,500 students, the nearby soccer complex and the library, there is a lot of traffic in the Halifax West High School area where garbage can build up.

Hadley told the Metro that the school does two area ground cleanups over the year, in the spring and fall. He believes the litter Stewart found was built up over the winter while there was still snow.

Although it may not just be the kids to blame, Stewart hopes her bringing the problem to light will open people's eyes.

"It's really frustrating for those who care about the environment," she said. "I just can't imagine throwing stuff on the ground."

## WEATHER

# Spring has finally sprung

It's time to dig out the bikinis and wipe the dust off your sunglasses, according to Environment Canada.

Record-breaking temperatures are expected Tuesday, with a forecasted high of 20 C. You may also want to grab the sunscreen while you're at it, since the UV index is expected to be 6 or higher.

More sure signs that spring has sprung and is here to stay are the expected temperatures Wednesday and Thursday. They will be in the double digits, with a predicted 16 C on Wednesday and 10 C on Thursday.

A 30 per cent chance of showers is also expected for Thursday, but at least it's not snow.

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## 20 Celsius

That's the high for Tuesday, followed by 16 on Wednesday and 10 on Thursday.

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## ROADS

## Charges laid over 200 km/h car crash



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

A Bridgewater man has been charged with dangerous driving after being clocked driving 200 kilometres per hour on Sunday afternoon before crashing.

Cpl. Mark Kellock with RCMP Traffic Services said one of his officers on the side of the highway got the speed reading as the 20-year-old was approaching Marshy Hope on Highway 104 around 4:30 p.m.

"At one point our member said, 'I'm not going to try to catch up to him anymore'... As he was coming around that last turn through Barney's River he caught sight of (the driver) hitting the guardrail and going underneath the guardrail," Kellock said in an interview.

"He's a lucky lad. There was no alcohol involved and no injuries at all, believe it or not. The airbags deployed, and the car's a write-off."

Kellock said they went with a dangerous driving charge instead of stunting due to the seriousness of the offence.



**Thank goodness nobody got hurt, because the driving was unbelievable.**

Cpl. Mark Kellock

While stunting falls under the province's Motor Vehicles Act, dangerous driving is a Criminal Code offence and carries a stiffer penalty.

"I think it's a more an effective charge because his speed limit was really over the posted speed limit, 100 km over, and that is definitely dangerous operation," he said.

The focus of the RCMP traffic services' theme for the month of April happens to be speeding and aggressive driving.

"Thank goodness nobody got hurt, because the driving was unbelievable. And it was all on video," Kellock said.

The driver is scheduled to appear in Pictou Provincial Court on June 19.

# Newly discovered Maud painting goes on display

## ARTWORK

## Exhibition of thrift-shop find coincides with movie release

A recently discovered painting by Maud Lewis will go on display Tuesday, as the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia highlights its collection of the famed folk artist's works to coincide with a new feature film on her life.

The work entitled *Portrait of Eddie Barnes and Ed Murphy, Lobster Fishermen, Bay View, N.S.*, was recently found by volunteers sorting through donations to the Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Centre in New Hamburg, Ont.

"We read about it in the newspaper when it was discovered," said gallery CEO Nancy Noble.

"Because of the release of the film and everything that was going on related to Maud's life... I phoned the art gallery that was caring for it after they found it at the thrift shop and asked if we could borrow it for the week for the opening of the film."

The Newfoundland-Irish co-production, *Maudie*, opens in limited release in Halifax, Van-



**Portrait of Eddie Barnes and Ed Murphy, Lobster Fishermen, Bay View, N.S.**

KEN OGASAWARA / MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE / THE CANADIAN PRESS

couver, Toronto and Ottawa on April 14, nationwide by April 28 and in mid-June in the U.S.

Noble said the timing is

"serendipitous" for the gallery, which is home to the largest public collection of Lewis's work in the world — about 40 pieces, including her tiny art-strewn house.

"A lot of people in Nova Scotia know about Maud, but many people in Canada don't, so I think it's really a great opportunity to showcase her work and really to extend that to the great work of many Nova Scotia artists," Noble said.

The painting is done on beaverboard, a pulp board Lewis used for many of her paintings, and is estimated to be worth \$12,000 to \$16,000.

Sarah Fillmore, the gallery's chief curator, said there is no official catalogue of Lewis's work, so it's pretty special when a piece turns up as it did in Ontario.

"I'd like to think that there could be many Mauds out there that we haven't yet found, but it's really pretty darn rare to be picking through a thrift shop bin and come across something like this," said Fillmore.

Lewis, who lived in poverty for most of her life, sold her paintings from her home near Digby for as little as \$2. She died in 1970, but her paintings have since sold for up to \$22,000.

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**BAYERS ROAD CAR CATCHES FIRE AT GAS STATION** Shortly after 10:30 a.m. Monday, police assisted fire officials with a call about a vehicle on fire at a gas station in the 7000 block of Bayers Road. Const. Dianne Penfound said there were no injuries, and the fire was not deemed suspicious. PATRICK FULGENCIO/FOR METRO

## LONG-TERM CARE

## Progress 'poor' on housing for those with disabilities

Nova Scotia's decade-long plan to move people with disabilities out of institutions and into small community homes is grinding along so slowly some parents fear they'll die before proper care is provided, says a report examining the strategy.

The survey released on Monday by the Community Homes Action Group contains criticism of the Liberal government's pace of change — and examples of parents' worries.

"Our son is an only child liv-

ing with aging parents and with no extended family in Nova Scotia. What will happen when we die?" said one parent quoted in the report.

"He needs... autism-appropriate housing and he deserves to have it before we die so that we can help with the transition."

The parent adds that only a crisis would leapfrog their son to the top of a waiting list to shift into another form of care — a list the province currently estimates at 898 people.

About three quarters of the 137 people who answered the survey — including parents, caregivers, health-care providers and people with disabilities — rated the pace of shifting people out of institutional-style facilities into community homes as "poor."

The survey also suggests 75 per cent of the people surveyed say there was poor progress in decreasing wait time for services and similar levels of dissatisfaction over efforts to find work

for people with disabilities.

The advocacy group said that when the so-called road map was introduced by the NDP in 2013 and then accepted by the Liberal government, it created a sense of hope among caregivers and people with disabilities.

Three years in, the report card concluded that while there have been signs of progress, the road map is becoming "a winding country lane."

Joanne Bernard, the minister of Community Services, said she

believes the Liberals will largely complete the goals of the 2013 Roadmap for Transforming the Nova Scotia Services to Persons with Disabilities Program if they're re-elected to another majority government.

However, she also said the transitions can't be rushed.

"We're going to do it responsibly and we're going to do it with the choice offered to every client we work with and their families," she said.

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# 'Terrible mistakes of the past' must not be repeated: Trudeau



Justin Trudeau, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau and their son Xavier look at the headstone of a member of Gregoire-Trudeau's family, who was killed during WWI, at the Canadian Military Cemetery of Beny-sur-Mer, France on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

## POLITICS

### PM condemns Bashar Assad's government on solemn trip

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in France for two days of overseas commemorations for Canadian soldiers killed in the two world wars, including the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and Canada's role in D-Day on June 6, 1944.

"The men who fought in 1944 were carrying the legacy of those who risked their lives at Vimy Ridge in 1917," Trudeau said after walking the beach with his wife Sophie Gregoire Trudeau and their son Xavier.

But there was no escaping the here and now, with the attack in Syria still fresh on everyone's mind. And the irony wasn't lost on Trudeau.

Bashar Assad's days as president of Syria are numbered, Trudeau suggested Monday as more hostile talk from international powers continued to amplify the threat of a military escalation in the Middle East.

The way forward in Syria can't

include Assad, whose recent chemical attack against his own people were abetted by countries that have allowed him to remain in power, Trudeau said.

"There is no question that anyone who is guilty of the types of war crimes against innocents, against children, that Assad and his regime are needs to be held to account," he said during a visit to Juno Beach to commemorate Canada's Second World War dead. "We need to move as quickly as possible towards peace and stability in Syria that does not involve Bashar al-Assad."

Trudeau was, however, non-committal when it came to the question of how to remove Assad from power, and whether Russia should be punished for supporting him. Canada remains open to imposing new sanctions against Russia in concert with its allies, he said, but Russia must also be part of the solution for bringing peace to Syria.

"Countries that have been supportive of the Assad regime bear some of the responsibility for the chemical attacks on innocents," he said.

"And those countries must also be part of the solution as we hold the Assad regime to account."

The U.S. fired 59 cruise mis-

siles at a Syrian airfield last week in retaliation for the chemical attack, sparking tough talk and warnings from all sides.

The degree of hostility intensified on multiple fronts between the U.S. and its allies, versus Assad and his backers Iran and Russia. The U.S. said it has evidence Russia's military helped cover up the use of chemical weapons.

Trudeau left no doubt that he considered Assad's government responsible for last week's chemical attack, which killed more than 80 people, including many children, in the Syrian province of Idlib. Russia and Iran were also at least partly to blame, he added, because of their support for Assad's murderous regime.

Asked whether he feared the world was on the verge of a new war, Trudeau said the international community needed to come together and address its challenges.

"The raging civil war in Syria, the violent conflicts around the world require an international community that pulls together, that holds each other to account and that strives everyday not to repeat the terrible mistakes of the past."

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## AUCTION

### A Masters jacket mystery

The mystery surrounding an authentic green jacket from Augusta National Golf Club that was once bought for C\$5 at a Toronto thrift store likely stoked the enthusiasm of collectors and drove its sale at auction for more than US\$139,000, the auction house said Monday.

Green Jacket Auctions said the distinctive sport coat worn by members of the famed Georgia club and presented each year to the Masters winner was sold Saturday, a day before the final round of this year's tournament. The club has confirmed its authenticity. Ryan Carey, who co-owns the auction house, said it was purchased in 1994 at a Goodwill store in Toronto, though he couldn't say which location.

The jacket — from which the original owner's name has been cut out — apparently escaped the store's notice, but the man who bought it "knew exactly what it was," Carey said, adding the discovery made headlines at the time. That man, who Carey said was a member of the Canadian media, sold it shortly afterwards to a golf journalist in the United Kingdom "for a very reasonable amount of money," he said. The British journalist held on to it until it was put up for auction over the weekend, he said.

"We've been begging the guy to sell it for years because we knew the story was so intriguing," Carey said.

The auction house has sold several similar jackets over the years, with jackets from club members usually going for about \$20,000 or less, he said.

"We did not expect it to be several hundred per cent of the traditional value of a member's green jacket but the story's quite compelling, the mystery surrounding the jacket — I mean, it could be a champion's green jacket, we just don't know," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Canada's scientists need more funding support



**Tamar Harris**  
For Metro | Ottawa

Canada's scientific community needs additional funding and innovative thinking to combat eroding research competitiveness, according to a report released Monday by Canada's Fundamental Science Review.

The report calls for \$1.3 billion

in funding to counter "flat-lining of federal spending" and preferential funding in the recent past.

It also suggests that oversight and co-operation across government agencies are lacking. There are more than 35,000 federal government employees working in science and technology fields.

"Findings from the review will help our government continue to strengthen Canada's international standing in fundamen-

tal science and capacity to produce world-leading research that improves the lives of Canadians," Minister of Science Kirsty Duncan said in a statement.

Duncan launched the independent review last June. In the months since, a nine-person panel, headed by former University of Toronto president David Naylor, conducted online consultations and roundtables across the country.

"We feel the final report offers hope and scope for improving the role of scientists within the federal government as well," the president of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC), Debi Daviau, in a statement.

The report proposed the creation of a National Advisory Council on Research and Innovation, composed of 12 to 15 members that would advise

ministers and the Prime Minister's Office.

The report also identified the difficulties getting and keeping jobs in science.

One unnamed researcher at the Université de Montreal compared it to trying to make the National Hockey League.

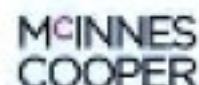
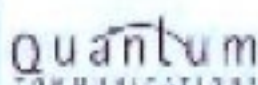
"Nothing is impossible but the chances of making a real career out of it are slim," he told the panel.



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# Re-accommodation, United Airlines style

## Ottawa to address airline bumping

CHICAGO

### Uproar after man is forcibly removed from packed flight

Video of police officers dragging a passenger from an overbooked United Airlines flight sparked an uproar Monday on social media, and a spokesman for the airline insisted that employees had no choice but to contact authorities to remove the man.

As the flight waited to depart from Chicago's O'Hare Airport, officers could be seen grabbing the screaming man from a window seat, pulling him across the armrest and dragging him down the aisle by his arms. United was trying to make room for four employees of a partner airline on the Sunday evening flight to Louisville, Kentucky.

Other passengers on Flight 3411 are heard saying, "Please,

my God," "What are you doing?" "This is wrong," "Look at what you did to him" and "Busted his lip."

Passenger Audra D. Bridges posted the video on Facebook. Her husband, Tyler Bridges, said United offered \$400 and then \$800 vouchers and a hotel stay for volunteers to give up their seats. When no one volunteered, a United manager came on the plane and announced that passengers would be chosen at random.

"We almost felt like we were being taken hostage," Tyler Bridges said. "We were stuck there. You can't do anything as a traveler. You're relying on the airline."

When airline employees named four customers who had to leave the plane, three of them did so. The fourth person refused to move, and police were called, United spokesman Charlie Hobart said.

"We followed the right procedures," Hobart said.

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Police were called to remove a passenger from a United Airlines flight in Chicago. The incident sparked an uproar. CONTRIBUTED

Canada will introduce new legislation this spring that will address the problem of travellers being bumped from flights, the federal government said Monday, as the violent dragging of a passenger off an overbooked flight in the U.S. unleashed anger over the practice.

A spokesman for Transport Minister Marc Garneau said bumping rules will be included

in an air passenger bill of rights that was promised last fall to establish clear, minimum requirements for compensation when flights are oversold or luggage lost.

Marc Roy declined, however, to say if the legislation would set industry-wide standards or raise compensation to levels offered in the United States or Europe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Fight for your right to flights



As the summer travel season approaches, Metro breaks down your rights when it comes to air travel.

#### Overbooked and bumped from your plane

Whether you volunteer or are voluntold to get off a flight you've paid for, the airline owes you compensation, air passenger advocate Gabor Lukacs told Metro. "They also have to rebook you on the next flight, including on flights of other airlines

if they don't have flights of their own," Lukacs said.

How much you're entitled to is stated in the airline's "tariff" which outlines its contractual obligations to passengers.

#### Luggage lost or damaged

Under the Montreal Convention you're again entitled to some reimbursement for lost or damaged luggage when travelling internationally, said Lukacs. Domestically it falls to individual airline tariffs but all the major Canadian airlines have language on this. It can be hard to make sense of the fine print.

SAN BERNARDINO

## Apparent murder-suicide at school kills two adults, one student

A husband opened fire on his wife Monday in a San Bernardino elementary school classroom, killing her and a student in a murder-suicide that spread panic across a city still recovering emotionally from a terrorist attack at a community centre just 15 months ago.

The shooter also died, and a second student was critically wounded at North Park School.

"The children we do not believe were targeted," police Capt. Ron Maass told reporters.

The gunman was identified as 53-year-old Cedric Anderson, of Riverside, who shot his wife,

Elaine Smith, also 53. She was a teacher in the special-needs classroom for students in first through fourth grades.

Anderson said nothing as he began firing a large-calibre revolver, according to police. Both of the children who were hit were standing behind Smith. An

8-year-old later died. The other student was hospitalized in stable condition.

The gunman had a history of weapons, domestic violence and possible drug charges that predated the marriage, which lasted only a few months, authorities said.

The boy who died was identified as Jonathan Martinez. Authorities did not name the other boy who was wounded.

The 600 other students at the school were bused to safety at California State University's San Bernardino campus, several miles away.

As word of the shooting spread, panicked parents raced to the school, some in tears, some praying as they anxiously sought information about their children. They were told to go to a nearby high school where they would be reunited.

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## What lies beneath

Skylines often provide the shorthand for a city, but the ground beneath the buildings is fertile territory too. There's useful and livable space beneath us, and with space at a premium on the surface, sometimes the solution is to dig down. **These cities are putting more than pipes underground.**

**Play:** Projected to open in 2021, New York is working to convert a disused underground trolley terminal on the Lower East Side of Manhattan into a park. Using fibre-optic technology to create light sources underground, the developers hope to create a sprawling space with greenery, fountains, and spots to hang out, do yoga, play and engage.



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**Shop:** Winter — you don't want to go through it, you can't get around it, so Canadians go under it. Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg are among the cities that boast vast subterranean path systems to link urbanites to shops, office towers and transit stations without ever needing to step foot in a pile of slushy city snow.

**Thrive:** With more than 5 million people on an island smaller than New York City, Singapore has ambitious plans to make space. Nanyang University has devoted an entire department to studying the feasibility of building under the city, and the government is investing millions of dollars to explore plans for everything from a research facility housing 4,200 scientists to moving utilities, like an oil cavern, underground.



GETTY IMAGES



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**Park:** In city where 14 per cent of commuters are cyclists and in a country where 78 per cent of households have a bike, Tokyo needs somewhere to put all those two-wheelers. Enter Eco Cycle, an elevator that whisks bikes from the street to vertical parking silos under the city streets. As an added bonus, the bikes are protected from the elements and would-be thieves.



FLICKR/ ZERO CARBON FOOD

**Farm:** The heart of London doesn't leave much room for farmers' fields. But when chefs want to get their hands on locally grown produce, they can dig deep — 33 metres deep — to Growing Underground. Built in a WWII-era bomb shelter, the farm produces salad greens and herbs year-round using LED and hydroponic technology, all while reducing carbon emissions by keeping travel time down and reconnecting city dwellers to their food sources.

### PUBLIC WORKS The week in urbanism



#### RAY OF HOPE

Georgia wants to turn a stretch of rural highway into a living lab for creating the road of the future. Dubbed The Ray, the road already boasts solar-powered vehicle charges. More innovations on the way include pavement that works like a solar panel and native plants lining the roads to provide bee habitat.

#### MASTER OF DISASTER

Vancouver has hired a Chief Resilience Officer to help plan for natural disasters and tackle long-term problems like improving infrastructure and housing. The new office is armed with \$1 million from the Rockefeller Foundation-funded non-profit 100 Resilient Cities. Toronto, Calgary and Montreal are also participants.

#### URBAN DICTIONARY



#### DEFINITION

**Bunching** is the frustrating phenomenon that sees two or more late buses arrive at once. (And stopping it involves chaos theory.)

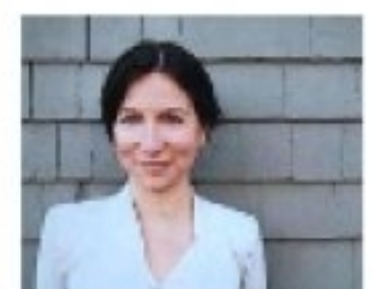
#### USE IT IN A SENTENCE

My new jeans are **bunching** worse than the downtown bus at rush hour.

#### CITY CHAMP

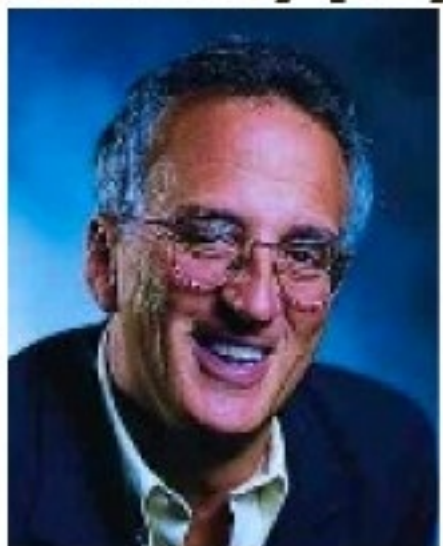
**Sophia Horwitz** is the director of Co\*Lab in Halifax. The agency programs public art shows, walking tours and other engaging activities to get communities talking and creating together.

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### WORD ON THE STREET by David Hains

## It rarely pays to play when sports teams call for cash: Expert



Andrew Zimbalist CONTRIBUTED

With five Canadian teams in the NHL playoffs, there's lots to like for fans.

There's less to like on the business side. The Calgary Flames CEO threatened to "just move" if a \$1.8-billion arena isn't built (with \$1.3 billion from the city).

Does it ever make sense to subsidize sports?

We asked economist Andrew Zimbalist, author of *Circus Maximus* and *No Boston Olympics*. He says the numbers often don't add up.

#### Emotional appeal

Subsidy boosters argue the team is part of the city's DNA, and brings intangible benefits; in other words, benefits are unknown.

Zimbalist says emotional arguments to subsidize the team can be made, but don't substitute for a business case. "If you're concerned at a social or cultural level, then I would say you have to think about subsidies. But don't think about subsidies because of an economic impact."

#### The local economy

Zimbalist says the argument that sports is a boon to city coffers is overblown. Research shows entertainment dollars are still spent in the absence of a team. Also, sports aren't great at keeping financial activity in the city. Take the NHL: players are paid half of revenues, but most of that is taxed federally, or saved and invested globally. Taking the family to a nice restaurant is a more sound investment in the local economy.

#### Be specific

Zimbalist doesn't oppose all sports subsidies. He says stadiums as redevelopment catalysts can make sense, pointing to San Diego, Calif., and Brooklyn, N.Y. But those are the minority, and "the devil is in the details." He warns against subsidies by another name, like waiving property taxes, interest-free loans or introducing a special tax or fee to support the team.





# Removing the 911 fear factor

## FENTANYL CRISIS

### New act looks to protect those reporting an overdose

Genna Buck and  
Ryan Tumilty  
Metro Canada

It happens nearly every day, somewhere in Canada: A house party. Music blares. People use street drugs like cocaine, MDMA, heroin or pain pills.

Then someone collapses. Shaking them and shouting their name yields nothing.

It's an overdose, possibly of a deadly opioid like fentanyl. They need an ambulance. There's no time to lose.

And you, the bystander, are faced with a choice.

Do you call 911, potentially bringing the police down on your head? Do you call, but bolt before authorities arrive, leaving a critically ill person alone? Or do you try to cope on your own?

That decision may soon be a little easier.

MPs are gearing up for a debate Tuesday on the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act. If passed, it will protect everyone at the scene of a drug overdose from being charged or convicted for certain drug-related offences if they call for help.

An earlier version of the private member's bill, giving protection from simple drug possession charges, passed the



The good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act, set to be debated by MPs on Tuesday, would offer legal protection to anyone phoning 911 for help at the scene of a drug overdose in a bid to remove the potentially fatal 'fear factor'. ISTOCK

House unanimously in November.

It has since been amended by the Senate to include immunity from charges of violating bail conditions, conditional sentences, probation orders or parole conditions — if the person's original offence related to drug possession.

Liberal MP Ron McKinnon, who introduced the bill back in February 2016, is pleased about

the amendments and says he's "crossing his fingers" the issue comes to a vote and the show of unity continues.

way to reduce overdose deaths.

But a lot has changed since then, and not just the party in power. Overdose deaths

cates are praising government's efforts.

Rob Boyd, director of the Oasis needle exchange program at Ottawa's Sandy Hill Community Health Centre said for some people, this change will

matter a lot.

"When someone from our community overdoses, 911 is called less than half the time. And the number-one reason

**When someone from our community overdoses, 911 is called less than half the time. And the number-one reason is fear of the police. They're afraid they will be charged with possession of drugs.** Rob Boyd

Just two years ago, the House of Commons was passing strict limits on harm-reduction centres where people can use drugs under supervision — a proven

have skyrocketed and dangerous opioids like fentanyl and carfentanil have become ubiquitous.

Now, harm-reduction advo-

is fear of the police," he said. "They're afraid they will be charged with possession of drugs."

Boyd said as drug use and overdoses become problems at raves, parties and even weddings, it's important for people to know they don't face legal prosecutions for calling, even if that's not realistically likely.

"Unfortunately, fear does motivate behaviour."

Though McKinnon cautioned this bill is only "one arrow in the quiver" of a much larger response to the opioid crisis, he's hopeful it will help prevent people from panicking and making bad choices when someone overdoses.

"This is not all about addicts, though it certainly would apply to them," he said. "But it also applies to kids and young adults who go to parties and take some unknown pill somebody gives them."

"Casual users sometimes find themselves in dire straits. They don't know how to deal, they're fearful of being arrested or charged. And they try to handle it on their own when time is of the essence."

He explained the bill would also benefit people are afraid of being caught violating an order, such as a conditional sentence.

"For people in those circumstances, there's more to their story than just hanging out in a place where people are using drugs. They too are leery about calling for help."

"We want them to make that call anyway. We can't help people if they're dead."

## BODY IMAGE

### Calgary company designing confidence

When people wear AJ Vaughn's designs, he wants them to be reminded it's okay to be who they are — whatever that might be.

Recently, Vaughn launched a website for Jay Heights, a local clothing label he founded with a focus on body positivity and giving back. He started the business after going through his own body image struggles in high school.

"People are judgemental, they're hard on each other. I wanted to start a movement to help people be more confident in themselves," the 20-year-old

entrepreneur said.

He was always used to being the tallest kid on the playground, but as he grew older, Vaughn said his friends kept growing taller.

"(My friends) would tease me, they called me short and stuff like that," said Vaughn.

Even though he claims they were joking most of the time, the then-teenager took the comments to heart. He became "extremely" insecure about his

height, even researching ways to make himself taller.

"I was pretty unhappy with myself," Vaughn said.



**I was pretty unhappy with myself.**

AJ Vaughn

As graduation got closer, he realized his height wasn't going to change — but his perspective could.

"I realized I can't complain for the rest of my life, because then I'd be unhappy," said Vaughn.

After high school, he took a

small loan and started designing products that would "inspire confidence" in his customers.

"I want them to be reminded they're amazing in their own way, to feel comfortable in their own skin, and not worry about what others say," Vaughn said.

The positivity doesn't end there — a chunk of the profits from Jay Heights are donated to the Hope for the Homeless Foundation, a charity Vaughn founded which makes and delivers care-packages to Calgary's homeless population.

ELIZABETH CAMERON/METRO



AJ's clothing line, Jay Heights, is about body positivity and raising awareness on homelessness. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO





Clockwise from left: Fargo season 3 star Olivia Sandoval; Bob Odenkirk, Giancarlo Esposito and Jonathan Banks of Better Call Saul; and Carrie Coon and Justin Theroux in The Leftovers.

# Why April is new coolest TV month

## TELEVISION

### Top shows mean spring no longer a rerun wasteland

It wasn't all that long ago that spring marked the tail end of TV series' seasonal lifespans.

In the network system, most shows wrapped up their annual runs, took the summer off, and premiered again in the fall to help people shake off the blunt force trauma of the end of vacation and a return to work and school.

But in the modern age, with producers relentlessly trying to entice viewers, there's no set agreed schedule.

That's to the benefit of consumers. With a constant stream of new, quality content, no longer do we have to sit through a wasteland of reruns until autumn.

And right now, April is the very best month TV can offer.

If you're a sports fan, this month of TV is shaping up in a way it hasn't in years.

The NHL's Maple Leafs have secured a playoff berth for the

first time since 2013; the NBA's Raptors have already won their playoff spot, and both baseball's Blue Jays and soccer's Toronto Football Club are kicking off their seasons after successful campaigns last year.

However, the behemoth April TV has become is about much more than sports. Viewers have first-rate dramas premiering every week and there's something for everyone:

For starters, there are several critically-acclaimed series whose fans are cuticle-less in anticipation of the returns.

The first, *Better Call Saul* (April 10, AMC), begins its third season and promises the sad-but-inevitable moral disintegration of Bob Odenkirk's Jimmy McGill into Breaking Bad's infamously wormy Saul Goodman. The first two seasons did terrific work building Jimmy/Saul's backstory and humanizing him, but producers Vince Gilligan and Peter Gould are using these next 10 episodes to illustrate his slick-slide into villainous territory.

Oh, and the iconic monster known as Gus Fring — last seen (spoiler alert!) blowing up real good in a nursing home in *Breaking Bad*'s fourth season

— will make an appearance. *Better Call Saul* is a fantastic companion story to the masterful one first told, and it's more than worth catching up on the first 20 episodes.

Nine days later, another phenomenal series returns for its third season: *Fargo* (April 19, FX), which won a slew of Emmy Awards and Golden Globes in its first season, and received rave reviews with an entirely different cast last year.

Filmed in Calgary, the anthology — based on the Coen Bros.' 1996 movie — will feature new cast members this year, including Ewan McGregor in two roles, and co-stars Carrie Coon (*Gone Girl*).

The outstanding Coon also has a starring role in *The Leftovers* (April 16, HBO Canada), returning for a final third season. Produced by Lost co-creator Damon Lindelof, the show is as mysterious and bleak as TV gets, and a stellar cast makes the plot a continuing revelation.

If that isn't enough, April also sees the return of *Archer* (April 5, FXX); *Veep* (April 16, HBO); and *Doctor Who* (April 15, Space).

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## PODCAST

# New Jian Ghomeshi podcast fuels backlash

About a year after being acquitted of sexual assault charges that destroyed a celebrated broadcasting career, former CBC personality Jian Ghomeshi resurfaced online Monday with a new music and podcast series.

The one-time media star announced a venture called "The Ideation Project" on Twitter with the message: "Hi. For those interested, here is something I've been working on..."

The project is described on the website as "a creative adventure with the aim of taking a bigger picture view on newsworthy issues and culture." Future content will cover "a variety of topics from politics to philosophy to pop culture and the human condition."

Reminiscent of the short essays that would kick off Ghomeshi's hosting gig on CBC Radio's "Q," the debut post features musings on immigration, globalization and race. The six-minute monologue called "Exiles" asks: "What does it mean to feel like you have no homeland?"

The site credits all words, original music, recording and

production to Ghomeshi.

The social media reaction was largely negative within hours of the debut, and branding expert Martin Waxman said Ghomeshi would be wise to move slowly as he returns to the spotlight.

"I think he's probably smart to do this in a low-key way, to sort of test the waters and see what the reaction is," said Waxman of the Toronto firm Martin Waxman Communications.

"Because if he came out with a big promotion plan, I don't know if people are ready for it. The other thing is if this is a creative endeavour of his own, which it seems to be, it takes a while to build. One episode does not a sustained podcast make."

Ghomeshi's career crashed hard after he was fired from the CBC in October 2014. At the time, the public broadcaster said it saw "graphic evidence" he had caused physical injury to a woman.

His image as an erudite social progressive unravelled as multiple allegations followed, culminating in a high-profile trial that revealed intimate de-

tails of his romantic life.

Ultimately, Ghomeshi was acquitted in March 2016 of four counts of sexual assault and one count of choking involving three complainants.

In May 2016, he apologized to a fourth complainant and signed a peace bond that saw a final count of sexual assault withdrawn.

Waxman said it's now up to the public to determine whether Ghomeshi can rebuild his career.

"Everyone deserves a second chance if they've apologized and seem contrite. The question is, is that enough time and do people feel like, 'OK, we need to give him another chance?'"

The first episode features only Ghomeshi's voice, but Waxman expected the former man-about-town would have little trouble securing interview subjects or other collaborators if he decided to expand the format.

"I'm sure that Mr. Ghomeshi has supporters," he said. "If they're outside of Canada, for example, (they) may not really care what happened."

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## Ellie

### Domestic Medium Hair

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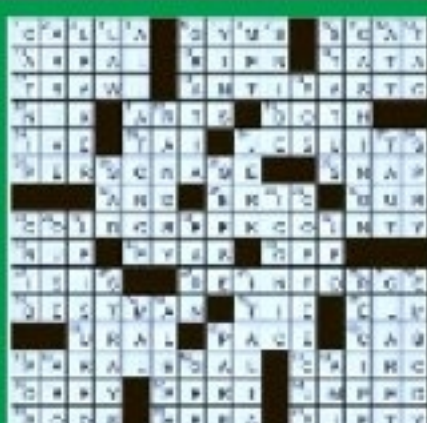


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**HISTORY**

**THE YEAR FEMALE DISTANCE RUNNING WAS BORN** This year's April 17 Boston Marathon will mark the 50th anniversary of Kathrine Switzer being the first "officially registered" woman to compete in the event (Bobbi Gibb participated unregistered, or as a "bandit," in the 1966-68 races). At the time, women were not allowed to enter the Boston Marathon. When race director John "Jock" Semple tried to physically remove her from the course, he was blocked by Switzer's burly boyfriend Tom Miller. The iconic images appeared in newspapers worldwide, and thus the era of female distance running was born. **TORSAR NEWS SERVICE**

## **Digest KYLIE, BOOKS, & BRITISH VOGUE**

**CELEBRITY****Kylie crashes prom**

Kylie Jenner had never been to a high-school prom. Until last Saturday.

Certainly, no one from Rio Americano High School in Sacramento, Calif., anticipated that young graduate Albert Ochoa would show up with the 19-year-old Keeping Up With the Kardashians star on his arm.

To hear Ochoa's fellow teens tell the story, he had previously asked a fellow student to be his date and been rejected. He took to putting fliers up around the school, looking for a companion for the big event. Allegedly, someone working for Jenner saw the fliers on social media and set up the surprise date.

On Saturday night, just before prom was set to start,

his family told him there was a family emergency, and surprised him with the arm of the



young model/socialite. They soon walked into the prom — she wore a pink satin dress, slashed to the waist — and triggered a wave of disbelief

and frantic social-media posting by his peers.

Ochoa even reportedly got a slow dance with the star in the bargain. **TORSTAR**

**BOOKS****Figures author setting next book in Baltimore**

The author of *Hidden Figures* is setting her next book around two prominent African-American households in mid-20th



century Baltimore.

Viking said on Monday that it had a two-book deal with Margot Lee Shetterly that will continue her quest to tell of African-Americans who have been overlooked by historians. The first book doesn't yet have a title or release date.

The bestselling *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* was adapted into the Oscar-nominated movie of the same name. **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**FASHION**  
**British Vogue gets new chief editor after 25 years**

British Vogue's search for

a new leader has come to an end with the naming of Edward Enninful as the magazine's new chief editor.



He will be the first male editor of *British Vogue* when he takes over on Aug. 1.

Enninful, who had been the creative and fashion director at *W* magazine, has been an influential magazine fashion director for more than 20 years. He was born in Ghana and moved to London as a child.

Enninful received an OBE award last year for his work in fashion. Madonna, Kate Moss, Naomi Campbell and other fashion luminaries came to his party to mark the event. **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Boutique eyewear stores focus on Canada

**OPTOMETRY****Global retailers believe there is prescription for success**

Boutique eyewear retailers from around the world have set sights on Canada as a hotbed for growth, hoping to capitalize on the country's aging population and what they say is its taste for haute couture.

Several companies including Hong Kong's Mujosh, U.S.-based Warby Parker, and Bailey Nelson of Australia have plans to open dozens of new stores over the next few years.

"Canadian people focus more and more on fashion trends, which makes Canada a promising market for us," said Mujosh spokesperson Doris Jin.

Mujosh, with more than 700 locations worldwide, opened its first Canadian store at West Edmonton Mall last month. It plans to add shops in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, Jin said.

Last year, Canadians spent about \$4.2 billion on spectacles, which includes frames, lenses, sunglasses and ready-made reading glasses, according to research firm Euromonitor International. That's up from about \$4.06 billion the previous year and roughly \$3.84 billion in 2014. Euromonitor says it expects steady growth to continue in the near future.

Bailey Nelson, forced to close

its seven Canadian stores last month after severing a licensee agreement, is coming back with two corporate-owned locations in Vancouver this spring, with plans to open one more there and two others in Toronto over the next year, said the company's managing director of North America, Bree Stanlake.

"Across Canada, I can see easily between 40 and 50 stores in the next four years," she said.

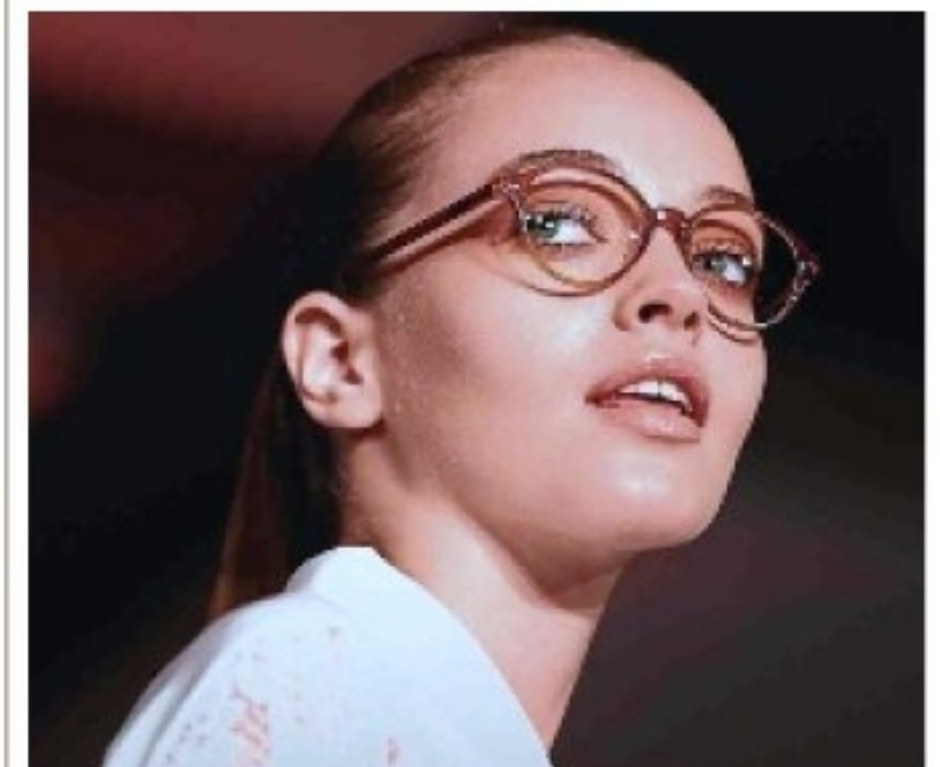
Last summer, Warby Parker chose Canada when it opened its first bricks-and-mortar store outside the U.S. It now has two Toronto locations. Not to be outdone, some Canadian boutique chains also have ambitious growth goals. Montreal-based Bonlook currently has eight locations, but is planning to have more than 40 stores by early 2020, said company spokeswoman Andreanne Ferland.

A rising older population and more screen time among younger generations has resulted in more people needing glasses in Canada, Euromonitor said in a report last year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**+ BAD VISION**

■ Vision problems are growing in Canada.

■ One-quarter of our population is far-sighted, while 30 per cent have near-sightedness, Euromonitor International said.



Canada could soon see a huge rise in boutique eyewear retailers popping up across the country. **GETTY IMAGES FILE**

**+ HEALTH BRIEF****Nearly half of U.S. adults catching genital HPV, says study**

Health officials say nearly half of U.S. adults have caught HPV, a sexually-transmitted bug that can cause cervical cancer.

About 45 per cent of Americans ages 18 to 59 had some form of genital human papillomavirus, according to the most complete look at how common HPV is among adults.

More concerning, about 25 per cent of men and 20 per cent of women had strains that carry a higher risk of cancer.

There are more than 150 HPV viruses. In most cases, HPV goes away on its own. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says said most sexually active people will get HPV. **TORSTAR**



# TOP 150 FOR 150

CELEBRATING CANADA'S GIFTS TO THE WORLD

## Ogopogo Hullabaloo

**LEGEND**  
**Mythical beast spotted in Lake Okanagan**

**Sean Plummer**

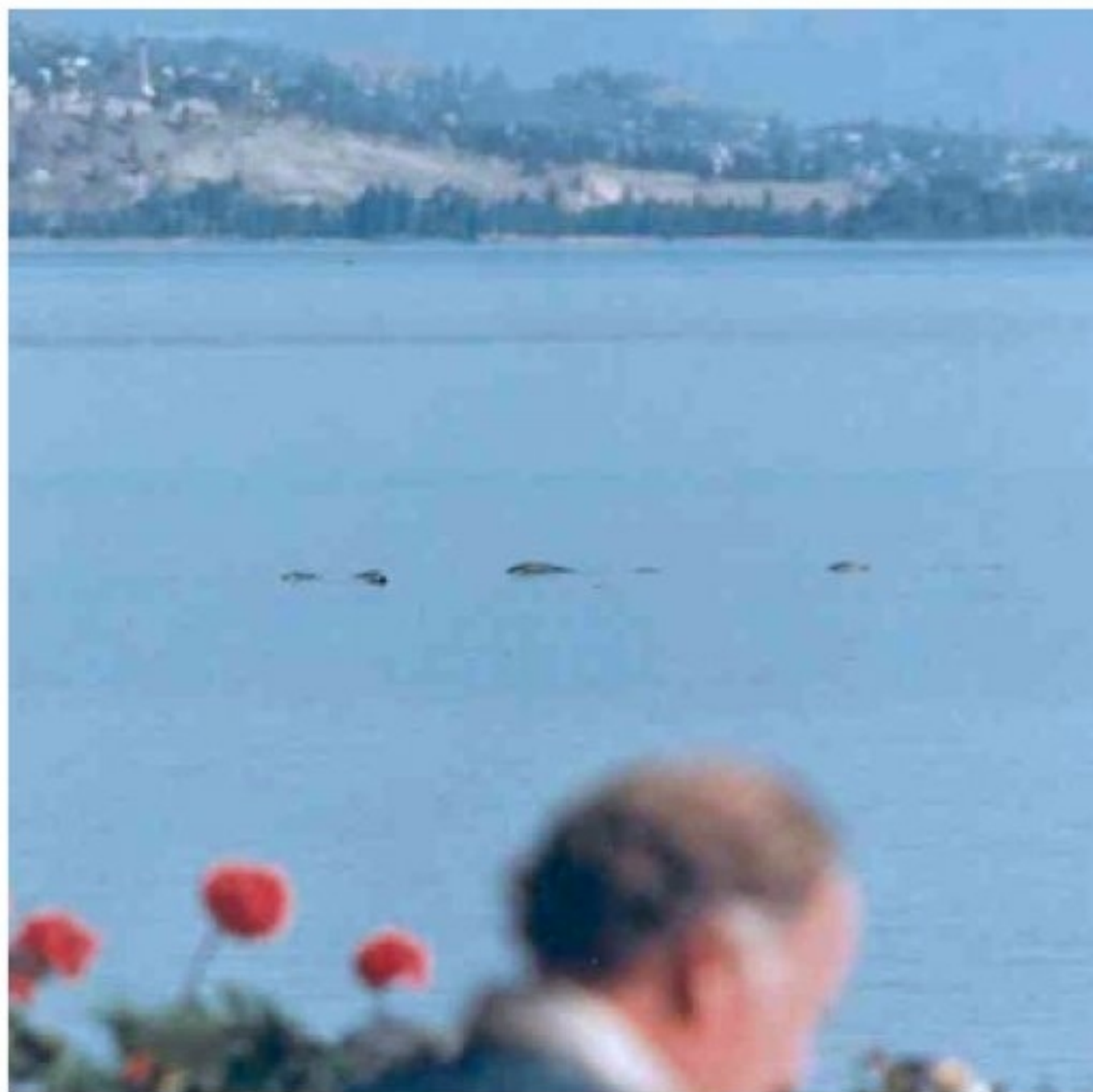
Canada has its own Loch Ness Monster, and, like Nessie, it's been the subject of much speculation and scrutiny.

Said to swim the waters of B.C.'s Lake Okanagan, the Ogopogo has been described as a dark serpent, somewhere between 40 and 50 feet long, with humps on its back.

According to local lore, a water spirit called the Naitaka required an animal sacrifice in exchange for safe passage across the lake.

Records of the Canadian cryptid date back to 1872, with the first major sighting reported by local newspapers in 1926, when 30 cars pulled over to marvel at it.

The elusive creature was caught on film in 1968, but an investigation in 2005 revealed it to be somewhat less terrifying — most likely a waterfowl or that most Canadian of creatures: a beaver. But for anyone determined to spot the mythical beast, there's an Ogopogo statue in Kelowna, and local gift shops stock plenty of merchandise.



This 1985 photo from an undisclosed location overlooking Okanagan Lake in British Columbia purports to show the elusive Ogopogo in the wild. WAFIL BIEROWSKY

## Canadians invented the motorized wheelchair

George Klein was one of Canada's most prolific inventors, working in many fields, including nuclear energy, aviation, and construction safety.

When penicillin improved the odds of survival for soldiers with spinal-cord injuries, Klein and his collaborators invented a motorized wheelchair to help quadriplegic patients.

Mass production soon followed, allowing soldiers and civilians alike to benefit from this important breakthrough.

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The Wawa Goose stands 28 feet tall. TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

## That's a big goose

When it looked like the Trans Canada Highway would bypass the Ontario town of Wawa, local businessman Al Turcott decided his community needed another way to attract tourists. His solution: a giant goose.

The Wawa Goose, which Stompin' Tom Connors im-

mortalized in his song Little Wawa, stands 28 feet tall and is made of steel. (The original was made of plaster but didn't last.)

"Wawa," by the way, means "wild goose" in Ojibway.

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## No ordinary rookie

NHL

### Matthews has turned heads in posting impressive stats

It took all of 14 minutes 18 seconds for Auston Matthews to set his first record this season.

On a mid-October night in Ottawa, Matthews became the first player picked first overall at the NHL draft to score two goals in his first period. He finished the evening as the only player in the league's 100-year history to score four in a debut.

Before the 19-year-old plays his first playoff game for the Toronto Maple Leafs in Washington later this week, it's worth pausing to consider how historic Matthews' rookie season was, not just in the context of the Leafs franchise, but in the league itself.

Matthews truly had a season for the ages.

"You knew he had the talent," Chicago Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews observed recently. "But sometimes it's just a matter of time before it translates to the NHL and obviously he's wasted no time. So you kind of wonder, if that's how he comes out of the gate what's he going to be like in a couple years from now?"

Matthews set franchise rookie records in scoring 40 goals and collecting 69 points, eclipsing marks by Wendel Clark and Peter Ilnacac which had stood for decades.

He's the first rookie since Alex Ovechkin to score 40, one of only 19 in league history and one of



Auston Matthews has won over Leaf Nation in short order. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

only six teenagers. He's only the fourth to hit the mark before his 20th birthday, also now the highest-scoring American rookie in league history.

Only Sidney Crosby scored more goals in the NHL (44) this season.

It goes deeper.

Matthews topped even Crosby, and all players for that matter, with 32 even-strength goals. That tied him for the sixth-highest total ever for a rookie, matching Eric Lindros, Mario Lemieux and one-time Leaf Mike Gartner. He's one of nine rookies to ever score that

many and the first since 1993.

Already six-foot-three and 216 pounds, Matthews did it with power, speed and electric skill.

"He scores goals different ways and I think that's probably a big reason why he's been so consistent is he's got a great shot, but he can also score from in close and goes to the net hard too," Crosby said.

What was so impressive to Crosby was how mature Matthews seemed already. There were nights of futility certainly, including against Crosby and Henrik Zetterberg, and he got hammered in the

faceoff circle (46.8 per cent), but generally Matthews held his own while leading all Leaf forwards in garnering almost 18 minutes per night.

It should earn him the Leafs first Calder trophy in 51 years, making him Toronto's first rookie of the year since Brit Selby in 1966.

"Obviously (Matthews) is a special talent," Leafs head coach Mike Babcock said. "More importantly, Matthews is a special person. That's going to allow him to be a good leader because he does it right every day. In the end, that'll allow him to drive a franchise and it'll allow him to win. I think he's a real good player and a real good man and has a chance to be a special player."

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**"I think that the biggest thing that stands out is probably just how complete he is."**

Sidney Crosby

## Habs coach seeking balanced scoring

Five years into his NHL career, Alex Galchenyuk was supposed to be the high-scoring centre on the Montreal Canadiens top line.

Instead, the 23-year-old is slated to begin the NHL playoffs on the fourth unit alongside checkers Steve Ott and Andreas Martinsen. Montreal faces the New York Rangers in the opening game of the best-of-seven series Wednesday night at the Bell Centre.

"I won't think about it," Galchenyuk said Monday. "We've got Game 1 coming up and

everybody's got to contribute and bring something to the team."

"Me, personally, I can't wait to get it going. Not having a chance to play last year was difficult, so you've been waiting all year to have that opportunity to play in the playoffs and you're just excited."

The Canadiens, who re-



Alex Galchenyuk  
GETTY IMAGES

bounded from missing the playoffs last season to finishing first in the Atlantic Conference, are a mostly healthy squad with defencemen Shea Weber and Jordie Benn back on the ice after missing the end of the regular season with minor injuries. The only one absent was rearguard Alexei Emelin, who is to sit out the opener.

Up front, coach Claude Julien has a surplus of healthy players. With the Canadiens struggling on attack, he is looking for at least a scoring threat from each of his four lines. That led to the

controversial decision to put Galchenyuk on the fourth unit.

Julien likened it to 2014 when he was coaching Boston and the Bruins were upset in the second round by Montreal, who had former scoring star Danny Briere on the fourth line. Briere had a goal and an assist in the Canadiens' 3-1 win in Game 7.

"In my estimation, it's not who you play with, it's how you play," said Julien. "I think we need some scoring from all the lines."

"He can provide that from that line." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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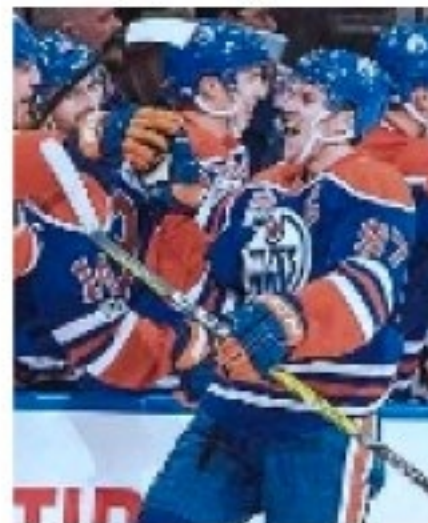
## McDavid pockets Art Ross Trophy

Connor McDavid is the third-youngest player to win the Art Ross Trophy after he led the NHL in scoring with 100 points.

McDavid turned 20 in January, and only Sidney Crosby and Wayne Gretzky were younger Art Ross winners. McDavid had 30 goals and 70 assists in his second season to finish with 11 more points than second-place Crosby and lead the Edmonton Oilers to their first playoff appearance since 2006.

Crosby, captain of the Pittsburgh Penguins, won his second Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy by leading the league with 44 goals.

Braden Holtby of the Washington Capitals won the William M. Jennings Trophy as the goaltender who allows the fewest goals. The Capitals allowed a



Connor McDavid got to the 100-point plateau with a pair of assists in the Oilers' final regular-season game on Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

league-low 182 goals, 13 fewer than the Columbus Blue Jackets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD CUP

## Canada would likely gain entry as co-host

Canada and Mexico will only get a slice of soccer's biggest prize if the joint North American bid for the 2026 World Cup is successful.

The proposed blueprint calls for 60 of the 80 games in the new expanded tournament format to be held in the U.S. with 10 going to Canada and 10 to Mexico.

"The final decisions on those things are up to FIFA. It's their tournament. But that will be our proposal and

that is our agreement together," U.S. soccer president Sunil Gulati told a news conference atop the Freedom Tower in lower Manhattan.

The good news for Canada, which has qualified just once for the men's World Cup is the push to maintain the tradition of having the tournament host(s) automatically qualify.

The three-nation bid was officially launched on Monday.

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**109**

Canada is currently ranked No. 109 in the world. Mexico is No. 16 and the U.S. are No. 23.

### IN BRIEF

#### Canucks fire Desjardins

The Vancouver Canucks have fired head coach Willie Desjardins after a miserable 2016-17 season.

The team announced the move Monday, less than 24 hours after losing its eighth straight game in regulation. The Canucks finished 29th in the NHL's overall standings.

In three seasons with Vancouver, Desjardins compiled a 109-110-27 record. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Verlander, Tigers get the better of Sale and Red Sox

Justin Verlander and Chris Sale dominated in a matchup of ace pitchers before Nicholas Castellanos singled in the go-ahead run off Sale in the eighth inning, lifting the Detroit Tigers over the Boston Red Sox 2-1 on Monday.

Verlander gave up an unearned run, three hits and two walks while striking out four over seven innings.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

# Spring-fresh Roasted Asparagus with Tomatoes and Bacon



PHOTO: MAVA VISNYEI

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

The roasted flavour on the vegetables coupled with bacon will make this easy side dish your entrée's new best friend.

**Ready in 30 minutes**

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes  
Serves 4

**Ingredients**

- 2 large bunches of asparagus (500g)
- 1-2 Tbsp of extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 4 pieces of smoked (streaky) bacon, diced
- handful of cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ cup of dry white wine
- salt and pepper to taste

**Directions**

**1.** Preheat the oven to 400. Snap the ends of the asparagus — it'll always break where the woody bit ends, so you won't end up eating tough, stringy stems — and keep the ends with the tips. In a roasting pan, add the asparagus and the rest of the ingredients.

**2.** Toss it all together with your hands, squeezing the tomatoes slightly to get the juice out.

**3.** Bake for around 15-20 minutes, until the asparagus starts to brown a little and is nice and tender.

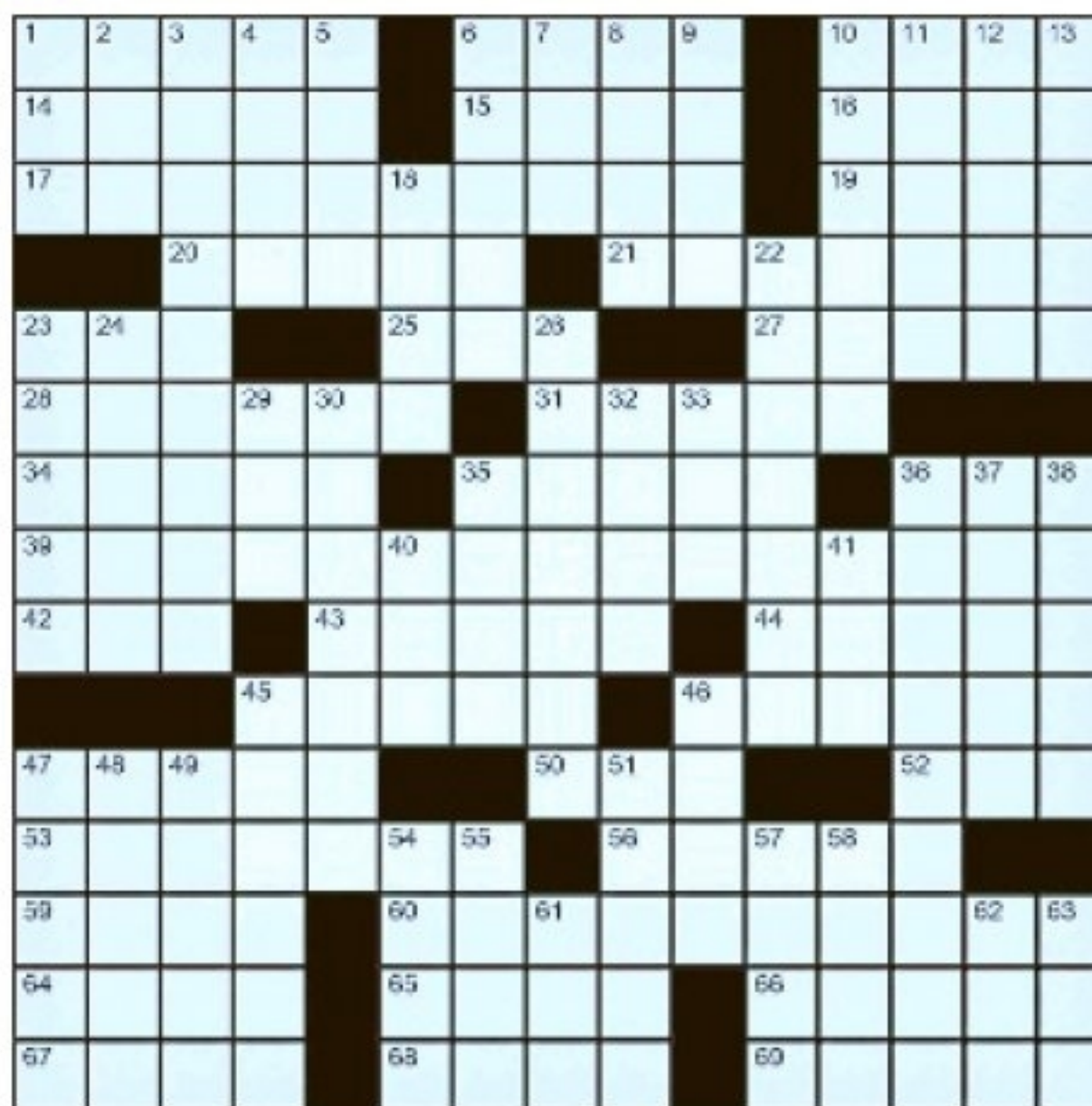
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

**ACROSS**

- Ars Gratia (MGM's motto)
- City's air problem
- Small argument
- Screen technology
- Woodstock emcee
- Gravy
- Cogito sum (I think therefore I am)
- Tuesday, April 11th, 2017... Big game at the Rogers Centre: 2 wds.
- Particular horse coat
- Donor's life-saving donation
- 'Twilight' character played by Nikki Reed, Hale
- 'S' of RSVP
- Beer barrel
- Topple
- Penguin of Antarctica
- Mr. Fiennes of flicks
- Broaden
- Southern Alberta town
- Seasonal ailment
- Competition for the Milwaukee Brewers at #17-Across: 3 wds.
- 1913 tune: "Peg Heart"
- 1998 Edwin McCain song: 2 wds.
- Tuesday, in Montreal
- Every seven days, week
- Rats and cockroaches, to a homeowner
- Christopher Plummer film role, Captain von Trapp
- Slimy stuff
- Droop



- Celebrity chef Emeril
- Braid
- Egyptian sun god, variantly
- 1B to 3B in baseball
- Movie director, Nicolas
- Shakespeare's

- Oz hopper
- Way to undampen the clothes from the washing machine: 2 wds.
- Reykjavik is its cap.
- "Away ants!"
- Ingrid Bergman, for one

**DOWN**

- Baseball player, e.g.

- Fit
- Nudge
- Chocolate (ice cream flavour)
- Carried out a task, it
- 'Burn the midnight oil', for example
- Assortment/variety: 2 wds.
- Mr. Sayer of songs
- Baseball normally has nine
- Having the means
- Bucharest money
- Lacquered metalware
- Grange
- Merle Oberon title role film of 1941
- Putting into service
- "No Scrubs" trio
- of jam
- Seville, for one
- Mouse-like critter
- TV screen problem
- Toronto Centre
- S-shaped mouldings
- Express a thought
- Earth crust's upper layer
- Greenly admire
- Snow-peaked mountains in Europe
- Eric of "Monty Python's Flying Circus"
- Favouring
- Scandinavian rug
- US tax ID

## IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Expect a surprise from a friend or partner today, because today is a bit of a crapshoot. Keep your head down and your powder dry.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Things at work will be unpredictable. It's a classic day for staff shortages, computer crashes, cancelled meetings and mixed-up communications. Fasten your seatbelt!

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be extra vigilant if you are a parent. It's also an unpredictable day for social occasions and romantic get-togethers. Expect delays and cancellations.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Small appliances might break down at home today or minor breakages could occur. Something unusual will change your home routine.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Later in the day, you might want to do some long-term planning.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Keep an eye on your money today, because things are unpredictable. You might find money, or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss, theft or breakage.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
This is an up-and-down day for you. The only thing you can do is go with the flow. Be flexible when it comes to your ever-changing schedule.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You feel restless today. That's OK, because this is a restless day. Ironically, it eventually will settle into a practical, solid routine.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
A friend will surprise you today. Alternatively, you might meet someone new today who is a real character. At least, it's not a boring day.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Go gently during important discussions with parents and bosses today, because something unexpected might catch you off guard. Think before you react. Be aware and mindful.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Travel plans are unpredictable today. You might suddenly have to travel for unexpected reasons, or planned travel might be interrupted or cancelled.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Double-check all details pertaining to shared property, banking, taxes and debt today, because something is awry. Make sure you know what's going on.

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